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IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter new claims 97-100. Since these are new, as opposed to amended, claims, it is believed that no marked-up copy of these claims is required.

97. (new) An apparatus for treating gas with at least one agent, and then heating the gas to a predetermined temperature if desired, the gas being received into the apparatus from a gas source, the apparatus comprising:

a) a housing having an inlet and an outlet;

B¹ i) at least a single chamber within said housing having an entry port and an exit port, the entry port for connection to a gas source to receive therefrom a gas stream; said chamber receiving a quantity of an agent to be admixed with and carried by the gas stream, the exit port for removal of the gas stream carrying the admixed agent from the housing.

98. (new) The apparatus defined in claim 97, and further comprising a container for containing a quantity of an agent, the container in fluid communication with the chamber.

99. (new) The apparatus defined in claim 96, wherein said at least one chamber is a single chamber within said housing having an entry port communicating with the inlet of the housing, and an exit port communicating with the outlet of the housing, the entry port for connection to a gas source to receive therefrom a gas stream; said chamber receiving a quantity of humidifying solution and a quantity of least one agent to be admixed with and carried by the gas stream; and the exit port for removal of the gas stream carrying the admixed humidifying solution and agent or agents from the housing; and

b) a backup or reserve supply container for liquid agent and/or humidifying solution in fluid communication with said chamber.

100. (new) The apparatus defined in claim 96, wherein said at least one chamber comprises:

a) a plurality of separate chambers within said housing, each separate chamber having an entry and an exit port through which the gas stream flows, and a separate port to receive a quantity of an agent to be admixed with the gas stream, and the exit port of another of said plurality of separate chambers carrying one or more admixed agents from the housing.